(b) if so, the details of action taken including the responsibility fixed and chargesheet issues, if any, against the officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The issues raised by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament *vide* his letters dated 18th March, 2002 and 17th September, 2002 are *sub-judice*. The issues raised by Hon'ble Member in his letters dated 28th September, 2004 and 26th October, 2004 were examined and no irregularities were observed.

Working of Science Institutes

805. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Science Institutes in the country are being run badly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the research projects on which millions of rupees are spent, are not achieving desired results; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. Money invested in research projects cannot always be measured in terms of immediate economic returns. There have been areas where small investments have led to substantial results. There have also been areas of research where investments have not yielded immediate economic benefits. However, in almost all cases, these projects lead to generation of new intellectual property, by way of published papers, patents or products.

(d) Does not arise.